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SUBJ: US/ROMANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION: VISIT OF NCST PRESIDENT URSU

REF: SIEVERING/URSU MEMCON, 5/7/76

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S JULY 9 CALL AT NCST URSU SAID COOPERATION WITH US ON HTGR WAS AMONG ROMANIAN GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST NOTIFICATION OF ANY DECISION ON EXTENT OF CONTINUED ERDA SUPPORT FOR HTGR RESEARCH IN US. HE RECALLED DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND ERDA'S EXPECTATION THAT HTGR FUNDING STUDY THEN IN PROGRESS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN JUNE. MAIN HTGR APPLICATIONS HE SAID ROMANIA WOULD PURSUE INCLUDED PROCESS HEAT FOR METALURGICAL, AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, SYNTHETIC GAS PRODUCTION, DESALINIZATION, AND DISTRICT HEATING. FYI: URSU FURTHER MAINTAINED THAT ROMANIA WAS QUITE SERIOUS ABOUT ITS DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH HTGR IN COOPERATION WITH GENERAL ATOMIC DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. INITIALLY GOR HAD IN MIND TO ERECT 50 MW FACILITY, FOR WHICH ROMANIA WAS PREPARED TO PUT UP ITS OWN FUNDS. END FYI. EMBASSY REQUESTS BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON ERDA STUDY TO INFORM ROMANIANS.
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2. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ERDA'S ASSISTANCE IN DETER-
MINING AVAILABILITY AND COST TO GOR OF HEAVY WATER STANDARD
PURITY SAMPLES. URSU WAS TOLD DURING SAVANNAH RIVER VISIT
THESE STANDARDS EXIST OVER FULL RANGE OF CONCENTRATIONS FROM
NATURAL STATE TO 99.96, AND PROBABLY WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON
REQUEST.
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